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In re Application of  
Joseph Kuster :  
Application No. 09/643,224 : DECISION ON  
Filed: August 20, 2000 : PETITION  
Attorney Docket No. 64645-1025 :

This is in response to the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, filed February 21, 2006.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is GRANTED.

The holding of abandonment is WITHDRAWN.

The above-identified application was held abandoned for failure to timely file a reply to the non-final Office action mailed June 14, 2005. No extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. No response having been received, the above-identified application became abandoned on September 15, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 24, 2006.

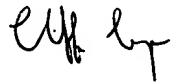
Petitioner has supplied a copy of an Amendment, bearing a Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8 dated September 13, 2005.

In view of the above, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

Given the basis for granting this petition, no petition fee was required.

The application file is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 2661 for consideration of the Amendment (Certificate of Mailing dated September 3, 2005) supplied with the instant petition.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3207.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cliff Congo".

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